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### **Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution  
A/54/L.83/Rev.1**

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with  
rules 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

#### *Summary*

The General Assembly is considering the structure and coverage of the Millennium Summit pursuant to its resolution 54/254 of 15 March 2000 and draft resolution A/54/L.83/Rev.1.

Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/54/L.83/Rev.1, the Fifth Committee may wish to advise the General Assembly that related expenditures in the range of \$1,111,900 to \$1,401,600 would arise. The actual additional costs would be reported as a charge against the contingency fund in the context of the first performance report to be submitted to the General Assembly during its fifty-fifth session.



## I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 53/202 of 17 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to designate the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly "The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations", and also decided to convene, as an integral part of the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations, a Millennium Summit of the United Nations for a limited number of days on dates to be decided by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-third session.

2. In its resolution 53/239 of 8 June 1999, the General Assembly decided that the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly should close on Tuesday, 5 September 2000, in the morning, and that the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly should open on Tuesday, 5 September 2000, in the afternoon. By the same resolution, the Assembly also decided that the Millennium Summit should begin on Wednesday, 6 September 2000. By its resolution 54/254 of 15 March 2000, the Assembly decided that the Millennium Summit should be held from 6 to 8 September 2000 in New York under the overall theme "The role of the United Nations in the twenty-first century"; that it would be composed of plenary meetings and of four interactive round-table sessions, with each interactive session to be held in concurrence with a plenary meeting; and requested the President of the General Assembly to hold consultations with all Member States in an open-ended process with a view to taking decisions on all outstanding issues relating to the Millennium Summit, including its outcome.

3. At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 15 March 2000, prior to the adoption of resolution 54/254, an oral statement of programme budget implications was submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly (A/54/PV.93) providing, *inter alia*, the additional costs for security coverage and protocol. The text of the oral statement of programme budget implications is reproduced in the annex to the present report.

## II. Draft resolution A/54/L.83/Rev.1

### A. Statement of programme budget implications

4. Under the terms of draft resolution A/54/L.83/Rev.1, the structure and the composition of the Millennium Summit, the composition and the modalities for the round tables should be established in accordance with the procedure set forth in the annex to the draft resolution.

5. Accordingly the present statement of programme budget implications is based on the following assumptions:

(a) The four interactive round tables would be held consecutively (not simultaneously), but in concurrence with the plenary meetings;

(b) The four round tables would have at least 40 seats each, and would be chaired by a Head of State;

(c) Interpretation would be provided in all languages of the General Assembly.

6. The level of public and media coverage will be subject to adjustments in the light of decisions yet to be made concerning the round tables.

7. All of its meetings would be held in the Economic and Social Council chamber. Should the need arise to reconfigure the conference room, appropriate arrangements would be made.

## **B. Relation of the proposed requests to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001**

8. The above request is related to programmes 23, Public information, 24, Management and central support service and 27, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.<sup>1</sup>

## **III. Estimated additional requirements**

9. Based on these assumptions, the estimated cost for the Department of Public Information would be in the range of \$544,600 to \$731,200 and for the Office of Central Support Services, it would be in the range of \$567,300 to \$670,400. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/254 and as indicated in the annex, these amounts would be in addition to \$450,000 required for security coverage and \$193,000 for protocol. The related provisions would be reflected in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

10. The requirements under the Office of Central Support Services relate to the following:

- (a) \$40,000 for the installation of additional telephone and facsimile lines and rental of facsimile equipment;
- (b) \$27,500 for rental of photocopying machines and cellular telephones; and installation and deinstallation of personal computers with standard software;
- (c) \$80,000 for contractual charges for one Local Area Network (LAN) connection on the premises and outside the premises;
- (d) \$89,900 for special set-up for conference facilities;
- (e) \$30,000 for special provisions for the press;
- (f) \$110,000 for reconfiguration of the Economic and Social Council chamber;
- (g) \$90,000 for set-up and furnishing of bilateral rooms;
- (h) \$18,000 for cables for the General Assembly Hall screens;
- (i) \$20,000 to prepare space to accommodate delegation and media accreditation;

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/53/6/Rev.1)*.

(j) \$80,000 to set up a tent to accommodate spillover media outside the Secretariat building;

(k) \$15,000 for security screens, rental of tables, and physical set-up for group photo, etc; and

(l) \$70,000 for overtime costs of maintenance personnel, events coordinators and messengers.

11. The public information requirements (\$755,300) indicated below would be partially offset by provisions of \$24,100 in the programme budget for the 2000-2001 biennium related to the coverage of the Millennium Assembly:

(a) Television coverage: \$422,300. Includes salaries for television engineers and television directors (\$74,600); rental of cameras, vans and video loop, video tape recorders, transmitters and other miscellaneous equipment for the television area, including related wiring and supplies (\$219,700); transmissions costs and installation of three in-house television channels (\$18,000); and production of television spots and film festival (\$110,000);

(b) Radio coverage: \$34,800. Includes salaries of radio engineers (\$12,400) and rental of various radio equipment and transmission lines (\$22,400);

(c) Photo coverage: \$70,300. Includes salaries of caption writer, photographers and support staff (\$8,300); production of group photo and photo cover success stories (\$40,000); rental of lighting equipment and digital cameras, including photographic supplies (\$22,000);

(d) Media accreditation and liaison: \$62,000. Includes salaries of accreditation, liaison and computer troubleshooter and engineer (\$19,000); telephone and closed-caption television wiring (\$17,000) and rental of television monitors and stands (\$26,000);

(e) Press: \$1,300. Relates to additional temporary support staff;

(f) Three-day live webcast coverage: \$90,000;

(g) Information centres: \$74,600. Temporary assistance required for the translation of materials into local languages and the production of the millennium Web pages of the information centres.

#### IV. Action required from the General Assembly

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/54/L.83/Rev.1, the Fifth Committee may wish to advise the General Assembly that the related expenditures would be in the range of \$1,111,900 to \$1,401,600. The actual additional costs would be reported as a charge against the contingency fund in the context of the first performance report to be submitted to the General Assembly during its fifty-fifth session.

**Annex****Statement provided orally of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.81/Rev.1**

By operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/54/L.81/Rev.1, the General Assembly would decide that the Millennium Summit should be held from 6 to 8 September 2000 in New York. In connection with conference servicing requirements, the servicing of the plenary sessions would be part of the normal servicing of the sessions of the Assembly. No additional requirements would thus arise in this respect.

By operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the Millennium Summit would be composed of plenary meetings and of four interactive round-table sessions, with each interactive session to be held in concurrence with a plenary meeting. On the basis of this decision, the related estimated costs for security and protocol requirements would amount to \$450,000 and \$193,000, respectively. The related provisions would be reflected in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for 2000-2001 to be presented to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/54/L.81/Rev.1, any additional requirements that would arise would be considered in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2000-2001 at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.